

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

28 July 64
SUBJECT: Meeting with AECASSOWARY/2 at Dupont Plaza Hotel attended by
[] and [] on 23 July 1964

1. A/2 had requested the contact to discuss his meeting with Yuriy KOSSATCH following the latter's return from the Soviet Union and the forthcoming trip to the USSR of KLACHKO and PIDDUBCHYSHYN. Soviet efforts against A/2 and his group were rehashed and he brought up nothing which hasn't already been reported as a result of the last meeting with him. He did seem to feel better, however, about having told his tale of woe to two more interested parties. He is upset over recent insinuations by various individuals and groups (he mentioned there were articles in the Ukrainian Workingmen's Association's Narodna Volya and comments made by Bandera people, et al.) that his group is pro-Soviet and pro-Russian. The group's source of funds has been questioned. The group was the only Ukrainian emigre group not officially invited to be a member of the Shevchenko Memorial Honorary Committee for the unveiling ceremonies in June of this year. A/2 said he now is being asked by various individuals (he named a Dr. Ivan Shnihurovych and Rev. Sopulyak) whether it is true that he was opposed to erection of the monument in Washington. He feels this is all helping the Soviets in their effort to render the group ineffective and feels there is some way in which we could help him. He was told no harm could be seen in ~~text~~ having the emigres suspect he is supported by the U. S. Government, although he could not do anything to verify this fact. He was also told that unless he pursued his present course in the anti-Communist struggle, his group would cease to be of interest to the Agency, and that the occasional attacks made against his group by various individuals was something ^{with which} he would have to contend. ~~with which~~ A/2 said that even in the event support of his group was ceased by the Agency, he could never complete isolationist agree with the/policies of groups such as the Ukrainian National Association.

2. Soviet Ukrainians, according to A/2, are being torn between legal and illegal means in their fight against an intensified Russification drive in the Ukrainian SSR. The Russification measures are understood only by the intellectual minority and A/2 is concerned about the fate of this group. He is trying to determine the best way to help them ^(Soviet Ukrainian intelligentsia) along to enable them to exist. If they are destroyed by the regime, Soviet Ukrainians will find themselves in a new Stalin era.

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